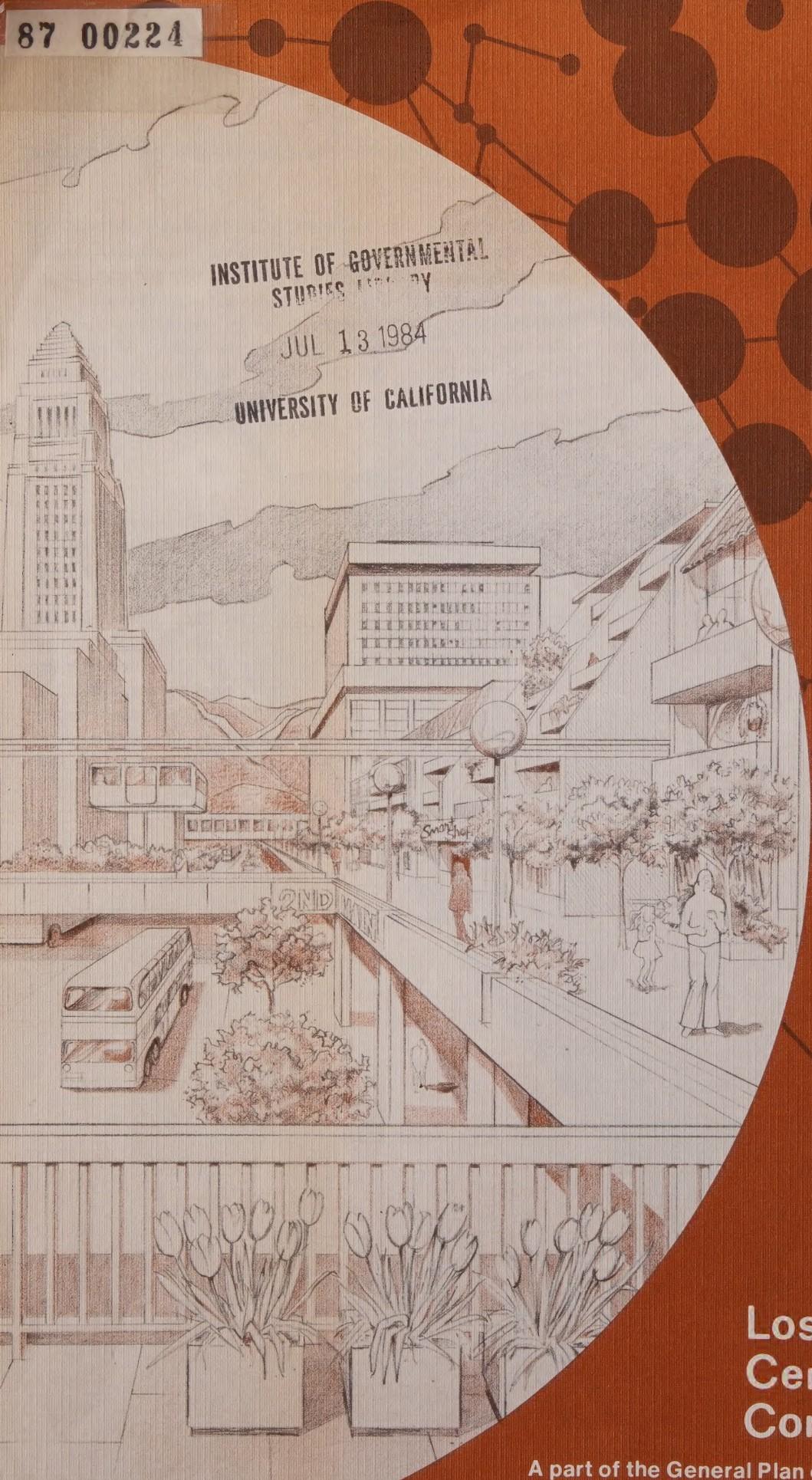


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The Central City Plan is a part of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles. It consists of this text and the accompanying maps.

The policies and programs in this Plan are intended to provide direction and a course of future action for the City and its Departments. The Plan is not intended to mandate the City or its various Departments to commence any new programs which may require the expenditure of man hours or funds. Any such actions called for in this Plan requiring additional funding must be brought individually to the Council through the budgetary process.

## PURPOSES

### USE OF THE PLAN

1. The General Plan, as adopted by the City Council, is the official guide to the intended future development of the City of Los Angeles.
2. The Concept and the Citywide Plan portions of the General Plan set forth general policies, including the broad patterns of the Land Use, Circulation, and Service Systems Elements of the General Plan, on a long range and intermediate range basis, respectively.
3. This Plan supplements the Concept and Citywide Plan by providing more specific policies and more detailed patterns of intended development for this geographical area which are impractical to include in the Citywide Plan because of its broader scope.
4. For the City Planning Commission, City Council, and the Mayor; the various City departments; and other governmental agencies and jurisdictions, this Plan provides a reference to be used in connection with their actions on various City development matters as required by law.
5. For residents, property owners, and businessmen of the Central City and for private organizations concerned with civic betterment, the Plan provides a guide for the planning and implementation of private developments and civic improvements.
6. The "Programs" portion of this Plan provides a general guide to its implementation and to the preparation of the various more detailed studies and reports necessary to the implementation of the various components of the Plan.
7. This Plan is *not* an official *zone map* and does not imply any

implicit right to a particular zone for any specific property. Changes of zone are considered under a procedure established under the Los Angeles Municipal Code subject to various requirements set forth therein, including consideration of their relation to and effect upon the General Plan.

8. This Plan shows land uses projected as much as 20 years into the future. Some of the designated land uses may not be needed for many years. Zoning to accommodate such land uses should be established only at such time as the need develops.
9. This Plan is subject to review and amendment, in a manner prescribed by law, to reflect changes in circumstances.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN

1. To develop Central City as a major Center of the Los Angeles metropolitan region, within the context of the Los Angeles General Plan as envisioned by the Concept and Citywide Plan portions thereof.
2. To create a climate which will prepare Central City to accept that share of anticipated regional growth which is economically and functionally attracted to it.
3. To organize growth and change, to reinforce viable functions, and to facilitate the renewal or rehabilitation of deteriorated and under-utilized areas.
4. To create a modern, efficient and balanced urban environment for people, including a full range of around-the-clock activities and uses, such as recreation and housing.
5. To create a symbol of pride and identity which gives Central City a strong image as a major Center of the Los Angeles region.
6. To provide an integrated transportation system which will allow for efficient movement of people and goods while enhancing the environment, giving special attention to separation of the pedestrian and the automobile.
7. To achieve excellence in design, based on how Central City is to be used by people, giving emphasis to parks, green spaces, street trees, and places designed for walking and sitting.
8. To preserve key landmarks which highlight the history and unique character of the City -- blend old with new in an aesthetic realization of change or growth with distinction.

9. To provide a full range of employment opportunities for persons of all income levels.

10. To provide high and medium density housing close to employment and available to all ethnic and social groups, and to make an appropriate share of the City's moderate and less than moderate income housing available to residents of the area.
11. To provide the public services necessary to the solution of the various social, medical and economic problems of Central City residents, especially the Skid Row population.

12. To establish an atmosphere of cooperation among businesses, special interest groups and public agencies in the implementation of the Plan.

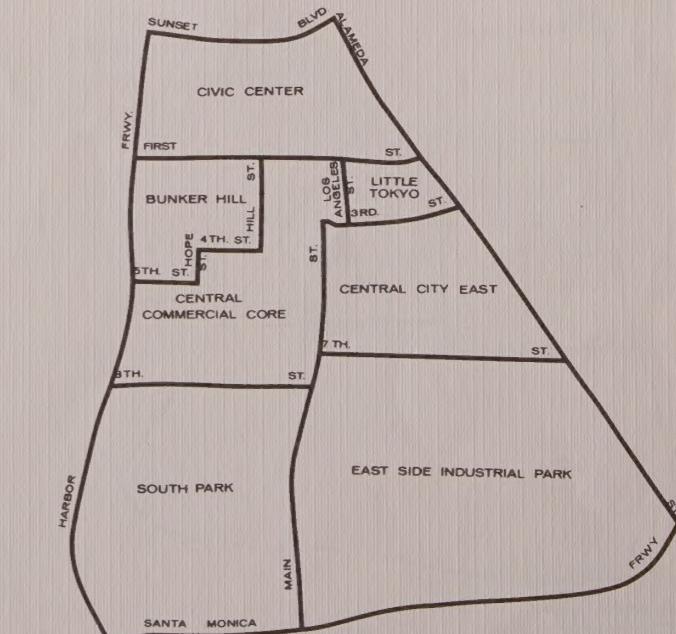
### POLICIES

#### GENERAL

1. This Plan for Los Angeles Central City is a key part of the Los Angeles General Plan, which proposes a series of major Centers having high density residential and commercial uses at locations throughout the City connected by a rapid transit system and separated by low density residential development and open spaces.
2. Central City is intended to be a major Center of the Los Angeles metropolitan region, emphasizing the following functions and features:
  - A focal location for business, especially financial institutions and corporate headquarters;
  - One of the region's largest employment concentrations;
  - The major concentration of governmental administrative facilities, providing services to not only the City and the metropolitan area but also much of Southern California;
  - The location of unique, one-of-a-kind, cultural, recreational and tourist facilities, including the Music Center, the El Pueblo Historical Monument, the Convention Center, Pershing Square Park, and Little Tokyo.
3. Utilizing an overall design concept, this Plan proposes achievement of its objectives and goals by:
  - Joining isolated components by new circulation linkages and transitional public and private development;

- Stabilizing the various functional areas by correcting the negative influences of deteriorating development and social problems in adjacent areas;
  - Utilizing public investments as catalysts to reverse blight and attract new development;
  - Establishing a viable land use mix, including environmental amenities compatible with residential uses;
  - Establishing a positive, aesthetic image for Central City which can be enhanced by future growth and change;
  - Encouraging excellence in urban design;
  - Providing ready access to concentrated development by means of rapid transit stations and people movers.
4. A major feature of the Plan is a proposal for rebuilding a large portion of Central City.

This section outlines proposed changes in each of seven Planning Areas, which were identified during preparation of the Plan as differing in general land use and function. Two Planning Areas, Bunker Hill and Little Tokyo, are established redevelopment projects. This Plan reflects the adopted redevelopment plans for these projects. The five others are Central Commercial Core, Central City East, East Side Industrial Park, South Park, and Civic Center. Major proposals for the Planning Areas are as follows:



PLANNING AREAS

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